Self Employment Scheme

6487. SHRI NAMDEO DIWATHE : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have initiated action for reorientation of self employment schemes following the dereservation of 14 SSI items;

(b) if so, progress made so far in this regard; and

(c) the details of schemes formulated/finalised and broad features thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) The Government has set up a Committee under the Chairmanship of the Member, Planning Commission to review and rationalise Centrally Sponsored Schemes of Poverty Alleviation and Employment Generation.

(b) and (c) The Committee has recommended streamlining the existing schemes and rationalisation of norms and procedures for their implementation. The Committee has since submitted its report to the Government.

Electrical Packages by BHEL

6488. SHRI SULTAN SALAHUDDIN OWAISI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. has emerged as sole supplier of electrical packages to the Indian Railways for EMU;

(b) if so, the deatils thereof;

(c) whether BHEL has also supplied such units to foreign countries;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the total foreign exchange earned during the last three years by BHEL on exports of its goods and by contract separately ?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN) : (a) Amongst Indian Companies Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. (BHEL) is presently the sole supplier of Electrical Packages to the Indian Railways for Electrical Multiple Units (EMUs).

(b) The details of the Electrical Packages supplied by BHEL to Indian Railways till March'97 are as under :

	Type of EMU	Nos.
(i)	25000 Volts AC Broad Gauge EMUs inclusive of Main Line ENUs.	827 sets
(ii)	1500 Volts DC Broad Gauge EMUs	322 sets
(iii)	25000 Volts AC Meter Gauge EMUs	25 sets

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Question does not arise.

(e) Question does not arise.

Production of Soft Coke

6489. SHRI BASU DEB ACHARIA : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Central Fuel Research Institute, Dhanbad has designed ovens which can produce soft coke with low investment and environment friendly;

(b) whether these ovens require coals of Grade D which are available in plenty in the mines of BCCL; and

(c) if so, the steps taken by the Government to provide coal of Grade D for setting up soft coke plant based on the technology developed by CFRI, Dhanbad ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH) : (a) Yes, Sir. Central Fuel Research Institute (CFRI) has developed a design for ovens for soft coke production which is environmentally friendly and has low investment cost.

(b) Any non-coking/weakly coking coals (Steam) Grade 'C/D', Washery Grade-III, Washery Grade-IV coking coals having caking index 6 to 10 can be used in the ovens for soft coke production. These types of coal are available in the mines of Bharat Coking Coal Ltd. (BCCL) and Central Coalfields Ltd. (CCL).

(c) As per information received from CFRI, CFRI has entered into agreement with 17 entrepreneurs for giving them licence for manufacturing soft coke by technology developed by CFRI. So far only one entrepreneur M/s Hill Briquette Industries (HBI), Dhanbad has setup ovens on CFRI technology. CFRI has recommended coal linkage for this unit after joint inspection by Coal India Ltd. (CIL) and CFRI. In April '97 the plant of M/s Hill Briquette Industries (HBI), Dhanbad which has been setup on CFRI design after obtaining approval of Department of Industry, Government of Bihar and No objection certificate from Bihar State Pollution Control Board was inspected. The performance of the ovens was found satisfactory. Based on the

inspection report, CIL is considering granting coal linkage to HBI. Coal linkage to other plants shall be considered by CIL as and when the other parties approach CIL.

Pending Cases in Kerala

6490. SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of civil and criminal cases pending before the High Court of Kerala for disposal; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government for the early disposal of these cases ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI RAMAKANT D. KHALAP) : (a) As on 31.12.1996, 2,10,303 Civil cases and 7,520 criminal cases were pending in the Kerala High Court.

(b) Apart from amending the procedural laws from time to time, Government has taken a series of steps to simplify procedures and speed up disposal of cases on the basis of the advice and recommendations of expert bodies like the Law Commission. Conference of Law Ministers, Chief Ministers and Chief Justices and other concerned with the administration of Justice are held periodically and the recommendations and conclusions emerging from such exchanges and consultations are implemented and their progress closely monitored.

North-East Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation

6491. DR. PRABIN CHANDRA SARMA : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) the financial allocation to the NEHHDC during each of the last three years and proposed to be allocated during the Ninth Plan period;

(b) the details of achievement of the NEHHDC during the last three years;

(c) whether a dye-house was established at Guwahati by the NEHHDC in 1984 with financial assistance from the NEC;

(d) whether the activities of the said dye-house was suspended since 1994 for want of working capital; and

(e) if so, the action taken by his Ministry to provide the working capital so that the only dye-house established by the NEHHDC in the North East remain functional ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) : (a) North Eastern Handicrafts and Handlooms Development Corporation Ltd., Shillong, during the year 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97 was allocated a sum of Rs. 50 lakhs each and the proposed allocation during the Ninth Plan period is to the tune of Rs. 5.70 crores.

(b) The turnover of the North Eastern Handicrafts & Handloom Development Corporation increased from Rs. 4.09 crores in 1993-94 to Rs. 5.26 crores during 1995-96. During the last three year i.e. 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97, the Corporation held 83 exhibition for marketing of handicrafts and handlooms of the North Eastern Region, in different parts of the country and nearly 1400 artisans were benefitted directly. The Corporation also participated in India International Trade Fair (IITF) 1995 at New Delhi in which total sales generated was to the tune of Rs. 5.44 lakhs and organised a speical North East Craft Fair at Bangalore during 1996-97.

(c) Yes, Sir. The Dye House was established with financial assistance from the Government.

(d) The activities of the dye house were suspended since 1994, due to accumulated losses suffered by it since its inception.

(e) Does not arise.

Problems of Textile Mills

6492. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE : Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Prime Minister had convened any meeting of representatives of the Federations of textile sector and the Members of Parliament of various parties for taking steps to solve the problems of textile mills;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the decision taken at the meeting and the time by which these are likely to be implemented ?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (c) Do not arise.

Coal Handling Project

6493. SHRI ANNASAHIB M.K. PATIL : Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state :

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the newsreport in the 'Business Standard' dated April 10, 1997 under the caption "Coal handling project to cost Rs. 110 crore more";